Money lying unclaimed in post offices

*52. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of money lying unclaimed in different post offices in the country, to date;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to disburse the said unclaimed amount to the rightful owners?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Progressive totals of the amount of money lying unclaimed on account of Money Orders, Indian Postal Orders and Savings Bank/Saving Certificates in the different Post Offices in the country are not maintained. However, the amount of money which has lapsed to the Government because of no claim in the above three accounts during the year 83-84, 84-85 and 85-86 are as follows:—

Year	Money Orders	Indian Postal Orders	Savings Bank/ Saving Certificates.
1983-84	77,35,162·24	2,56,14,723·13	3,80,62,322·25
1984-85	4,47,57,687·99	4,076·56	20,34,32,682·00
1985-86	3,53,09,392·84	58, 29,817·30	27,31,02,935·23

Apart from the above major items which have lapsed to the Government, there are a number of deposits mainly of personal nature like GPF deposits which are lying unclaimed in the P.Os. The value of such unclaimed deposits does not exceed Rs. 20 lakhs.

(b) The reason for such amounts lapsing to the Government or lying unclaimed in the Post Offices is due to the fact that the rightful claimants have not come forward to claim their dues.

(c) The above amounts can be paid to the claimants after proper verification, if claimed by them.

Pakistan arms supply to Punjab terrorists

*53. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 9th October, 1986 under the caption "Pak steps up arms supply to Punjab";

(b) if so, whether the terrorists have committed that Pakistan is supplying arms to Punjab; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During interrogation some of the arrested persons have disclosed that they had been supplied arms and ammunition and had also been imparted training in fire-arms and use of explosive devices by Pakistan.

(c) Constant vigil is maintained by BSF and other security agencies at borders. Screening and combing operations and further follow up action are being taken by the concerned

agencies to locate and apprehend the extremists who might have already crossed over to India.

Refugees in the country

*54. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of refugees who entered the country during the last three years;

(b) the total number of refugees in the country and nationality-wise figures as on date;

(c) the expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years, year-wise and nationality-wise;

(d) whether any refugees returned back during the last three years; if so, their number and nationality in each year; and

(e) what steps are being taken to send back these refugees to their country of origin?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) 1,28,450.

(b) Shri Lanka Refugees—1,23.390 (as on 21.10.1986)

Tibetan Refugees— 78,400 (approx.)

Besides, there are 2209 families of new migrants from former East Pakistan who are in Permanent Liability Homes run by various State Governments other than West Bengal where there are approximately 3950 old migrants in Home and infirmities. The above figures do not include repatriates from various countries including Sri Lanka, besides those displaced persons from East & West Pakistan who had migrated to India and who have been settled with Government assistance or have settled on their own.

(c) Sri Lanka Refugees Tibetian Refugees

(Rs. in lakhs)

1983-84	117·14	26 30
1984-85	177·60	39·20
1985-86	710·42	12·70

The expenditure on Permanent Liability Homes is borne by the State Governments for which no expenditure is incurred by Government of India.

(d) As reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu so far 5030 refugees have gone back to Sri Lanka. Some of the refugees who had gone back are reported to have come back to India: their exact number is not available.

It has been reported that 78 Tibetan Refugees have left India during the years 1983—1986 (June).

(e) Conditions of peace, normalcy and tranquility would have to be first created within Sri Lanka before the refugees can return. The Government have impressed upon the Sri Lankan authorities the need for creating the necessary conditions urgently in that country so that the refugees can go back to their homes in safety and dignity. As regards Tibetan Refugees Government of India have granted special status to them and they are allowed to stay in India as long as they wish or till they have amicable settlement with the Chinese Government.

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*55. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement